

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An instrument and method for suturing wound closures is provided having a handle, shaft and suture engagement mechanism. The instrument provides for multiple placements or "bites" of suture in tissues to enable a wide variety of suturing techniques, including the ability to "run" a suture. The instrument further facilitates suture knot tying. The method of this instrument provides for rapid and effective remote suture placement and knot tying.